

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 19, 2009. Claims 22-26, 31-33, and 45 are pending. Claims 26 and 45 are rejected. Claims 22-25, 31 and 32 are allowed. Claim 33 is objected to. Claims 33 and 45 are amended herein. Claim 26 is cancelled herein without prejudice to the filing of an eventual continuation or divisional application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 26 and 45 in view of the preceding amendment and following remarks.

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER USC 103

Claims 26 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollingsworth (USP 6,837,346).

Applicant thanks Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim 33, if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 33 to include the limitations of base claim 26 from which it depends directly. Claim 26 is cancelled herein without prejudice to the filing of an eventual continuation or divisional application. Applicant submits that claim 33 as amended should thus be allowable. The rejection of claim 26 is moot in view of its cancellation.

Applicant has amended claim 45 to depend from allowable claim 33, and submits that claim 45 is now also allowable.

II. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Applicant thanks Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 22-25, 31, and 32.

CONCLUSION

Claims 22-25, 31-33, and 45 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues exist which might be resolved by a telephone conference, they are respectfully invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 13-2500. Applicant is a large entity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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